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## Mrs. Henry J. West

Grace Egan was born in this city Oct. 18 1876 and was the eldest daughter of James A. and Eva Crawley Egan. From childhood to the date of her marriage to Henry J. West, Oct. 18 1899, her life was spent in this community and for some years after the union Mr. and Mrs. West were residents of this city. Mr. West was an attorney at law with his office at Marceline when he married but in a short time made this city his home until 1907 when he and Mrs. West made their home in Brookfield where, after two years battle with the grim reaper of human beings, she succumbed to the inevitable Thursday morning May 12.

Saturday morning funeral services were held at their beautiful home and the remains of the deceased were brot to the City Cemetery here and laid to rest alongside of the graves of her parents.

Surviving Mrs. West are her husband, brother Henry B. Egan of Muskogee Okla., Mrs. Augusta Sims of San Francisco, Cal.

No more popular girl or young woman was ever known among our people than was Grace Egan. Always the joy of living and having friends appeared to permeate her whole being. Unless positive unavoidable gloom was not permitted in her presence and her disposition to good humor was contagious.

About two years ago a paralytic stroke broke her health and strength and from it she never recovered but the misfortune failed to weaken her indomitable will to be cheerful and to her last hour of life she encouraged with her winning smile. While yet a young girl Mrs. West united with the Presbyterian church of this city, transferring her membership to the church at Brookfield when she became a resident of that city and the hope of immortality thru her Savior and the inspiration of the gospel and her faith combined with a natural genial disposition made of her one with whom it was a benefit as well as pleasure to associate.

The host of friends of the deceased and of her bereaved husband are conscious of his great loss and extend to him their feeling of deep sympathy.

## Christian Church

There will be services at the Christian church Sunday at 10:45 in the morning and also in the evening. You are invited to attend these services whether you are a member or not. You will get some good out of it by attending. We want to especially ask all members to attend as there is something important to attend to. Make it a point to come Sunday. You are welcome.

## Dan Baker Dead

Uncle Dan Baker died at the home of J. R. Redd in Los Angeles, Cal., March 25. He was born March 23, 1839 and was therefore 82 years and 2 days old.

Uncle Dan as he was known to almost all of his friends here of late years spent part of the time with Uncle Tom Cruise here and J. R. Redd in California. He was a genial man all his life. During the past few years a growth on his back discommoded him much and may have been to some extent responsible for his death tho he was getting to the age when the physical machine is pretty well worn out.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ott of Chillicothe visited the latter's parents Anton Keeting and wife several days last week.

## Four Dead Husbands in Six Years A Chariton County Girl Charged With First Degree Murder.

### Lyda Trueblood, Married Five Times, Arrested in Honolulu and Being Returned to Idaho for Trial.

Robert and Edward Dooley and Little Lorene Marie Dooley daughter of Robert and his wife Lyda, Dead, Poisoned With Arsenic as Were 4 Husbands and Brother-in-law Alleged.



LYDA TRUEBLOOD SOUTHARD



ROBERT DOOLEY



LORENE MARIE DOOLEY



EDWARD F. MEYER

Prior to 1906 William Trueblood and family lived in this vicinity for years, farming on each side of the town and his children attending neighborhood schools where they were popular and progressive in their studies. The family attended the Christian church of which they were members, in this city as regularly as weather conditions would permit and in all particulars they were respected.

About 1906 the family moved to Twin Falls, Ida. and except in one instance, have never been back to this section. Among the children was Miss Blanche, about 15 when they left for their new home and accounted one of the beautiful girls of the neighborhood. Also a sister, Lyda, about 13 years of age at that time and a handsome girl but lacking in face and figure the attractiveness of her sister. In the same neighborhood east of town resided Mr. A. Dooley and family, among whom were Robert and Edward. Robert was the accredited suitor of Miss Blanche Trueblood and there were none who did not believe it would be only a question of time when the couple would wed. After the Trueblood family settled in Idaho, Robert Dooley and Blanche corresponded regularly until letters from her failed to come and Robert (Bud, as he was known among

acquaintances) learned that his fate in that direction was settled by his enchanting sweetheart accepting and becoming the bride of another. Sympathetic, Lyda wrote to offer condolence to Bud. The correspondence continued and the young man's affections transferred to the younger sister. About 1911 Bud and his brother, prosperous and popular, tho that the West offered better opportunities and they emigrated in a motor car and landed at Twin Falls. Bud's convictions of his attachment for Lyda were confirmed when he met her and they were married March 17, 1912. Ed and Bud had formed a partnership in farm and stock raising and Ed lived with his brother. Some time in 1913 pretty little Lorene Marie came to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dooley and all were prosperous and happy until about the latter part of July Ed Dooley was stricken and died August 9, 1915 and his remains were brot to Keytesville by his brother, Robert and interred in the cemetery east of this city. Bud stayed a few days with relatives and returned to his home near Twin Falls and the latter part of September he was afflicted in much the same way his brother. Ed had been, and died in about ten days in Boyd hospital, the cause of death said to have been typhoid fever. His remains were shipped to Keytesville and accompanied by his wife and little daughter and laid to eternal rest along side of his brother, Ed. Mrs. Lyda Dooley and daughter, Lorene remained about ten days and returned to Twin Falls. W. F. Dooley, a brother of the deceased, accompanying them to assist in straightening out the affairs of the young men and the widow. Fet, as he is called, remained about three weeks. Suspicion had been aroused somewhat that all was not just as it should have been and an attorney was employed to go to Twin Falls

and investigate. Evidently nothing on which to base action against the one suspected of unfair treatment of Bud and Ed Dooley was discovered by either Fet Dooley or the attorney. November 15 Lorene Marie was stricken in about the same way her uncle and father had been and she died and was interred at Twin Falls. A life insurance policy for \$2500 had been taken out jointly by Edward, Robert and his wife, Lyda, the mother and daughter beneficiaries. The amount of the policy was paid to the widow.

In June 1917 the widow Lyda and one William G. McHaffee were united in marriage, where is not known. This husband had his life insured for \$5000 June 12, 1917, his wife beneficiary. He died at Hardin, Mont., October 22, 1918 and was interred at Twin Falls. The policy had lapsed for non-payment of dues and the widow got nothing by this venture. No physicians certificate as to cause of death.

Harlan C. Lewis, a big, healthy, husky young man married the widow McHaffee in Denver, March 10, 1919. He took out life insurance for the benefit of his wife in the sum of \$5000. He died July 6, 1919 at Billings, Mont. and was buried there. Physicians' certificate of cause of death said to be acute gastro enteritis. The face of his insurance policy was paid to widow upon proof that his death was from ptomaine poisoning.

For a fourth entry into domestic felicity Lyda Dooley-McHaffee-Lewis choose Edward F. Meyer at Pocatello, Idaho, August 10, 1920. Meyer was 25, a husky fellow, big ranch foreman. The couple returned to Twin Falls August 11 and Meyer made application for a policy on his life for \$2000, but upon a discussion of the subject with his wife, had the application changed to \$10,000 and stood a splendid examination and received.

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## Salisbury Scribblings

Geo. Wright is still on the sick list.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Will Price at the hospital in Moberly.

Albert Karcher is visiting his father this week.

Louis Smith the drayman, received a stroke of paralysis Friday night.

W. T. Adams our oldest citizen, aged 92, has been on the sick list this week and his condition is liable to become critical at any time.

The commencement sermon at the M. E. church Sunday was one of Bro. Moseley's best and will long be remembered.

Ben Mathewa, who for some time has been at Lake Michigan came in a day or two ago.

Atty Gilbert Lamb made a business trip to Jefferson City last week.

We regret to learn of the misfortune that has overtaken Miss Lyda, the daughter of our old time friend, W. J. Trueblood. We knew her as one of the nicest little girls in this vicinity. Our people will be slow to believe her capable of the charge made against her of murdering four husbands.

Insurance agent Martin and E. B. Kellogg of Keytesville were over Tuesday.

Commencement exercises of our grade and high schools are on this week and all is a bustle here.

Roy Hogan of Moberly was in town the first of the week on business.

Thos. Tudor who spent the winter in Texas came in Sunday for a stay.

J. C. Philpott and wife left for Kentucky the latter part of the week to visit the family of Bert Colyer.

An accident at the tent show Monday night caused by the falling of a section of seats resulted in a broken leg for Mrs. Chas. Bennett and the shaking up of many people. The wonder is that more were not hurt.

## Brunswick Bank Examiner

The selection of Mr. A. L. Friesz, for eight years cashier of the First National Bank of Brunswick and three years prior assistant cashier, as one of the bank examiners for the state was a wise one in the judgment of all who have had business relations with the affable gentleman.

The advancement made by the First National tells the tale of successful management and that the cashier of any country town bank is the "it" in the bank, we all know. We congratulate the secretary of state on his good judgment in this instance and with a force, each as honest and competent, the department will meet all expectations.

Miss Nora Cuddy is visiting homefolks.

Nick Ferguson came in for a short visit Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Ed Harrison arrived last Friday from Kankakee, Ills. where she had been with her sister, Mrs. John Wack who has been very ill for some time.

Mrs. W. J. Samide of Kansas City came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gordon and also to attend the commencement of the K. H. S. Her husband will come next week for a short visit and return with her.

## Confessed the Theft

The Will Moore Ford truck, now belonging to Mal Anderson, is in the Tippet warreroom for safe keeping. Wednesday evening of last week the room was burglarized and the rear right wheel and two casings stolen from the truck.

Skeeter Davis, arrested for the burglary of the Tippet building in the rear of Bank of Keytesville and theft of a wheel off a Ford truck therein, plead guilty at his preliminary examination before Justice Agee Wednesday and was bound over to circuit court, giving bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance yesterday.

## Dean Lake Mo.

Theo. Persyn was in Triplett Tuesday.

Murley Smith and family spent Sunday with Bert Kimble and family of near town.

Dennis Crew who is living on Hogridge was home Tuesday.

Miss Orene Clarkson and Albert Cowl were married one day last week they will move to Kansas, we extend heartiest congratulations.

Frank Fleetwood and family of Triplett were guests of Mrs. Amanda Carr Sunday.

Quite a number attended the charivari at the home of Chas. Clarksons.

Mrs. Curtis Gunn and family spent the first of the week with Mrs. Pistol Gunn.

Dave Hines and Miss Ada Stephenson were in Brunswick the first of the week.

## New Poultryman

Wallace Agee purchased the Ficklin Poultry and Egg business of Mr. W. A. Ficklin Tuesday and took charge immediately. He is an old merchant of the city and knows every one and will hold the reputation he has always enjoyed of dealing fairly with all. He is in the store room east of the Scout room.

Miss Margaret Bunton will be home for the K. H. S. exercises.

It is seldom that floral display such as was that at the burial of Mrs. Grace West has been seen here on any occasion. The magnificent wreaths and loads of cut flowers were indeed beautiful.

Nat Butler and Jack Patton were arrested in connection with the stealing of the Ford truck wheel last week but discharged by Justice Agee on motion of prosecuting attorney Brumhall.

There was a great number of the friends of Hon. H. J. West came from Brookfield Saturday to pay the last sad tribute of respect to Mrs. Grace West and there was a host of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. West from Salisbury, Brunswick and this city present at the burial.

Mr. W. A. Ficklin has sold his poultry and egg business here to W. G. Agee and gave possession Tuesday. Mr. Ficklin was not with us long but during that time demonstrated that he knew how to conduct the business that he engaged in. That the egg and poultry market got a big boost as a result of Mr. Ficklin's disposition to pay a fair price for the produce, no one can deny. In fact since he came here it is clear that this city has become the principal market for such and the trade territory practically doubled. Mr. Ficklin has purchased a similar business at Clifton Hill and his many friends here while regretting his departure, wish him unbounded success where ever he goes.